

Angie Lake

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To: Angie Lake
Subject: House Bill No. 4743

Dear Michigan House Regulatory Committee Clerk Angie Lake

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We live in Leelanau County in the village of Empire, which is in the heart of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Most of the homes in our village sit on narrow 50 foot wide lots. This past year, due to uncontrollable launching and detonation of consumer grade fireworks, we have had to scrape residue from our skylight, and pick up debris in our yard that came from spent fireworks. The fireworks were launched by year-round home owners as well as tenants of summer rentals.

We support House Bill No. 4743, particularly because it gives local governments the ability to restrict the launching and discharge of consumer grade fireworks from 12:00midnight to 8:00AM during the day before, day of and day after the national holidays; however, we strongly feel a need in this Bill for a restriction on a minimum distance between points of detonation/launching and nearby people, residences and vehicles, say, a 200 foot restriction during these holiday periods. Such a provision would help alleviate having to deal with the alarming acoustical impact of these powerful explosives. We feel the addition of the distance restriction language would help to ensure safety and peace of mind.

Sincerely,

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